High level enquiry on the attack on Poonch police station

1746. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high-level enquiry was instituted into the attack on the main police station in the town of Poonch (Jammu and Kashmir State), which resulted in the loss of precious lives, for finding out security lapses;

(b) if so, what are its findings; and

(c) the details of action taken thereon?

THE- MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As reported by the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, a preliminary enquiry was conducted by the IGP Jammu, on the basis of which, disciplinary action has been taken against the concerned SHO.

Communal riots in Malegaon in Maharashtra

1747. SHRI CM. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether communal riots took place in Malegaon in Maharashtra and in other States, in October last week this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the casualties therein and the causes therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to bring the culprits to book?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Riots took place in Malegaon, Maharashtra during the last week of October this year. The State Govt, has ordered a judicial inquiry into the whole incident under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952.

(c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Constitution of India and hence maintenance of law and order as well as communal harmony are the primary concern of the State Government. In so far as the Union Government are concerned, the Government have been providing assistance to the State Governments in a variety of ways to tackle the issues causing communal cleavage-both administrative and promotional-in a sustained manner *i.e.* assistance in improving their policing infrastructure, sending alert messages periodically, sharing intelligence with them, providing Central Para-military